

REMARKS

This Amendment is for the purpose of entering claim amendments that had been submitted with applicant's response under 37 CFR 1.116 but which were not entered by the examiner and also to answer remarks in the Advisory Action of January 5, 2009. Claims 6, 7 and 9-18 are pending, and claims 10-13 have been amended.

The examiner is asked to review the remarks at pages 5-9 of applicant's Amendment and Response Under 37 CFR 1.116 dated December 23, 2008 (Prior Remarks) which clearly explain the distinctions between the cited references and the claims as amended and the reasons supporting patentability. In the Advisory Action page 2, second paragraph, Kaltenbach U.S. Patent 3,432,104 is said to disclose a container 30, having a collapsible sidewall 20 and a base on which said container can stand unsupported as shown in Fig. 2. Container 30 is not shown in Kaltenbach Fig. 2. Kaltenbach item 20 is called a disposable liner by Kaltenbach and fits inside cup structure 30 (Kaltenbach column 2, lines 28-71). In the rejected claims, the container itself, not a liner, has a collapsible side wall. Please read the Prior Remarks at page 5, item 1 for more information.

Advisory Action page 2, third paragraph states that Williams U.S. Patent 5,061,303 teaches a collapsible filter. Please read Prior Remarks at: page 5, item 2 where it is pointed out that just the upper part of Williams' filter unit distorts temporarily when a force is exerted on the upper portion of the unit in order to remove or install it in a dust collector; and page 6, item 3 where it is pointed out that Williams' cage would not allow his filter to collapse because of (*inter alia*) retainer ring 50 welded or firmly secured to metal rods 48. The whole body of the filter of amended claim 10 (see item 10A of Fig. 4 in the present application) is sufficiently flexible to collapse as the container (which is part of the claimed article) collapses.

Advisory Action page 2, fourth paragraph states that Williams teaches cage 40 surrounding the interior of the body of filter 24 as shown in Williams Fig. 4. It is logically inconsistent to assert that a cage inside a filter bag surrounds the filter. The word "surround" means to cause to be encompassed, encircled or enclosed with something (Webster's Third New International Dictionary, copy attached).

Advisory Action page 2, fifth paragraph states that Kaltenbach meets the limitations of claim 18. Please read Prior Remarks page 6, item 4 for an explanation of the distinctions between claim 18 and Kaltenbach.

With the entry of the amended claims and in view of the remarks in this and applicant's prior response, the application is in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103 is requested and a notification of allowability is respectfully solicited. If any issues remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney to discuss them.

Respectfully submitted,

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